SPECIAL EDITION: KING COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY



The Lab is located on Ewing St. near Seattle Pacific University, affording easy water access for its boats and sampling activities.

The Environmental Laboratory (Lab) provides quality field, laboratory, information technology services, and advisory services in support of King County and other publicly-sponsored programs that protect and enhance water quality. The Lab serves more than 150 King County projects, analyzes 15,000 samples, and produces close to 400,000 data points for use in environmental studies and decision-making.

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Lab data are used to:



Monitor trends in regional waters



Design and operate wastewater treatment plants



Enforce industrial waste regulations



Formulate plans and action programs to protect and enhance local water bodies



Monitor recycled products such as Biosolids and reclaimed water



Protect public health



Participate in cooperative studies with other governmental and research agencies

For more information on the Lab, visit the following web site: http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/data-and-trends/environmental-lab.aspx or contact Kate Leone at kate.leone@kingcounty.gov